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## LIVESTOCK PRICES UP FROM LAST MONTH, WHILE CROP PRICES DOWN

**SIOUX FALLS, August 31, 2006** -- Preliminary August prices were down from July for crops with the exception of hay, according to the South Dakota Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Preliminary prices for livestock were up.

For August, the preliminary winter wheat price, at \$3.94, was down 38 cents from last month but up 95 cents from last August. The spring wheat price, at \$4.11, was 30 cents lower than last month but 55 cents higher than last year. The August soybean price, at \$4.95, was 43 cents lower than last month and 92 cents lower than last year. The corn price, at \$1.90, was down 4 cents from last month but up 10 cents from last year. The preliminary all sunflower price, at \$12.40, was down 40 cents from last month and down \$1.70 from last year.

The preliminary August barrow and gilt price, at \$54.50, was up \$2.20 from last month and up \$1.60 from last year, while sows, at \$33.00, were up \$1.30 from July but down \$6.70 from August 2005.

The preliminary August steer and heifer price, at \$97.50, was up \$4.90 from July and up \$3.10 from August of last year. Calves, at \$145.00, were up \$12.00 from last month and up \$13.00 from August 2005.

The August alfalfa price, at \$80.00 per ton, was up \$10.00 from last month and up \$18.00 from last year. The other hay price, at \$62.00, was up \$6.00 from last month and up \$12.00 from August 2005.

Prices Received by South Dakota Farmers

Commodity	Unit	August 2005 <sup>1</sup>	July 2006 <sup>1</sup>	August 2006 <sup>2</sup>
		<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Corn	Bu.	1.80	1.94	1.90
Soybeans	Bu.	5.87	5.38	4.95
Sunflower	Cwt.	14.10	12.80	12.40
Wheat, All	Bu.	3.40	4.35	3.99
Winter	Bu.	2.99	4.32	3.94
Other Spring	Bu.	3.56	4.41	4.11
Barley, All	Bu.	2.02	NA	NA
Feed	Bu.	1.26	NA	NA
Malt	Bu.	2.03	NA	NA
Oats	Bu.	1.39	1.85	1.80
Hay, All	Ton	59.00	69.00	77.00
Alfalfa	Ton	62.00	70.00	80.00
Other	Ton	50.00	56.00	62.00
Cattle, All Beef <sup>3</sup>	Cwt.	87.70	81.50	89.70
Cows	Cwt.	52.60	48.10	48.90
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	94.40	92.60	97.50
Calves <sup>4</sup>	Cwt.	132.00	133.00	145.00
Hogs, All	Cwt.	51.10	49.20	51.50
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	52.90	52.30	54.50
Sows	Cwt.	39.70	31.70	33.00
Lambs	Cwt.	125.00	105.00	NA
Sheep	Cwt.	43.80	18.70	NA

<sup>1</sup> Entire month. <sup>2</sup> Mid-month. <sup>3</sup> Over 500 lbs. <sup>4</sup> Under 500 lbs. NA = Not Available

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